

**DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to our names.

We believe we are the original, original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANAGING ACCESS TO STORAGE DEVICES IN A STORAGE SYSTEM WITH ACCESS CONTROL**

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following is checked:

[ ] was filed on \_\_\_\_\_, as United States Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ or PCT  
(Include Series Code) International Application  
No. \_\_\_\_\_, bearing attorney docket No. \_\_\_\_\_, and  
was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or section 365(a) of any PCT International application designating at least one country other than the United States listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign PCT International Application(s) and any priority claims under 35 U.S.C. §§119 and 365(a),(b):

			Priority Claimed	
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We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s), or §365(c) of any PCT International application(s) designating the United States of America listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application:

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